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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A database system operating over a communication A plurality of client applications coupled to network. network generate database access requests. An intermediary server coupled to the network receives the requests. A data storage mechanism coupled to the network has an interface for communicating with the intermediary The intermediary server is responsive to a received database access request to establishing a channel with the data storage mechanism to obtain data from the data storage mechanism in response to a received client The intermediary server is further operable to request. format the obtained data in a manner suitable for use by applications that requested the the client one associated database access.